REMARKS

Claims 19-22 and 24-40 are pending in the present application. Claims 19 and 20 have been amended to further clarify that which was previously claimed without narrowing the scope of the claims, and not in view of the prior art. Claims 6-18 and 23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter described therein. Claims 24-40 have been added. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the pending Claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Telephonic Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview of May 5, 2008 in which Claims 6 and 23 and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0163731 to Wigley were discussed. No agreement was reached.

Claim Rejections pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 6-23 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0163731 to Wigley. Claims 6-18 and 23 have been canceled rendering these rejections moot. As for Claims 19-22, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections because Wigley fails to describe each and every limitation of these claims.

For example, Claim 19 describes a memory configured to store a plurality of profiles, each of the profiles including an identifier of a respective provider portal

server and a corresponding identifier of a respective access point included in a network interconnection switch, the respective access point operable to communicate with other communication networks. Claim 19 also describes an application manager stored in the memory and executable to determine the first provider portal server that is associated with the identifier of a first access point of the selected one of the profiles, and to designate as inhibited sites each of the first provider portal server, and a second provider portal server identified with the application manager as being associated with the first access point in one of the profiles.

Wigley, on the other hand, fails to describe profiles, an identifier of a respective provider portal server, or a respective access point included in a network interconnection switch as described in Claim 19. Instead, Wigley simply describes filtering software operating on an Ethernet bridge to deny access to sites with restricted content that are identified in a database.(paragraph [0069]-[0070]) Moreover, since Wigley does not teach or suggest a respective access point included in a network interconnection switch, the respective access point operable to communicate with other communication networks, Wigley quite clearly does not teach or suggest designation as inhibited sites each of the first provider portal server, and a second provider portal server identified with the application manager as being associated with the first access point in one of the profiles. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claim 19 and the claims dependent therefrom for at least the foregoing reasons.

In addition, Applicant respectfully asserts that neither Wigley nor any other of the cited references describes the limitations of newly added claims 24-40.

With this amendment and response, the presently pending claims of this application are allowable, and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance/examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
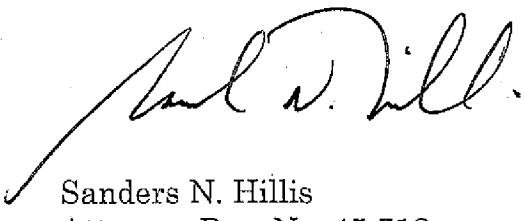
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